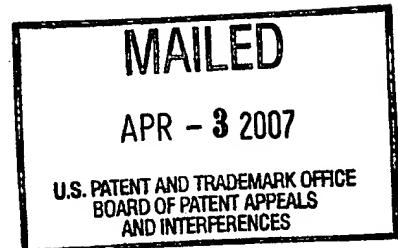


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Application No. 09/888,235

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on January 16, 2007. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner. The matter requiring attention prior to docketing is identified below.

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was filed April 11, 2006. It is not apparent from the record that the examiner neither considered the IDS nor notified applicants of why his submission did not meet the criteria set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner to:

- (1) consider the Information Disclosure Statement filed April 11, 2006, and;
- (2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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